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- THE NATO DEFENSE PLANNING COMMITTEE IN MINISTERIAL  
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SESSION MET IN BRUSSELS ON 17TH-18TH MAY, 1977.

2. MINISTERS REVIEWED THE DISCUSSION ON DEFENSE MATTERS  
AT THE MEETING OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL HELD IN LONDON  
ON 10TH-11TH MAY WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF HEADS OF STATE  
AND GOVERNMENT IN THE CONTEXT OF THE STRATEGIC SITUATION  
AND THE MILITARY BALANCE BETWEEN NATO AND THE WARSAW PACT;

AND THEY NOTED THE AGREEMENT THAT THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL SHOULD CONDUCT A FRESH STUDY OF THE LONG-TERM TRENDS IN EAST-WEST RELATIONS AND WOULD ASSESS THEIR IMPLICATIONS FOR THE ALLIANCE. THEY HEARD A STATEMENT BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE MILITARY COMMITTEE AND EXPRESSED THEIR CONCERN AT THE STEADY EXPANSION OF WARSAW PACT MILITARY CAPABILITIES WHICH HAVE GREATLY INCREASED THE POWER AND FLEXIBILITY OF WARSAW PACT FORCES; THEY NOTED THAT THESE FORCES HAD BECOME INCREASINGLY OFFENSIVE IN POSTURE AND WERE NOW CAPABLE OF PROJECTING SOVIET POWER ON A GLOBAL SCALE. IN THE LIGHT OF THESE DEVELOPMENTS THEY STRESSED THE URGENT NEED FOR NATO TO MAINTAIN AND IMPROVE ITS DEFENSIVE CAPABILITIES.

3. IN RESPONSE TO RECOMMENDATIONS AND DECISIONS MADE AT THE LONDON MEETING FOR IMPROVING ALLIANCE DEFENSES, MINISTERS AGREED THAT THE ALLIANCE SHOULD, AS A MEANS OF STRENGTHENING ONGOING NATO FORCE PLANNING AND NATIONAL PROGRAMS, UNDERTAKE A LONG-TERM DEFENSE PROGRAM TO IMPLEMENT 1977 MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE AND TO ENABLE NATO FORCES TO MEET THE CHANGING DEFENSE NEEDS OF THE 1980S. IN THIS REGARD, THEY DIRECTED THE DEFENSE PLANNING COMMITTEE IN PERMANENT SESSION TO PREPARE A TIME-PHASED DEFENSE ACTION PROGRAM CONCENTRATING ON A LIMITED NUMBER OF AREAS WHERE COLLECTIVE ACTION IS URGENTLY REQUIRED AND TO REVIEW MEANS FOR STRENGTHENING NATO PROGRAMMING AND IMPLEMENTING MACHINERY, FOR MINISTERIAL APPROVAL IN THE SPRING OF 1978 AND TO BE TRANSMITTED TO HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT AT THEIR MEETING IN WASHINGTON. TO COMPLEMENT THIS EFFORT, UNCLASSIFIED

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MINISTERS AGREED TO INITIATE ON A MORE IMMEDIATE BASIS A PROGRAM OF SHORT-TERM MEASURES IN AREAS OF ANTI-ARMOR, WAR RESERVE MUNITIONS, AND READINESS AND REINFORCEMENT.

4. FOLLOWING THESE ASSESSMENTS MINISTERS APPROVED GUIDANCE TO THE NATO MILITARY AUTHORITIES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF FORCE PROPOSALS FOR THE PERIOD 1979-1984 DESIGNED TO CORRECT CURRENT DEFICIENCIES IN ALLIANCE DEFENSES. THEY AGREED THAT THIS GUIDANCE, WHICH RECOGNIZED THE NEED FOR NATO'S DEFENSE PLANNING TO BE BASED ON A LONGER TERM APPROACH, SHOULD BE ADOPTED AS A DIRECTIVE AND REFERENCE POINT FOR ALL NATO DEFENSE PLANNING ACTIVITIES BOTH NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL IN NATO. A SUMMARY OF THE GUIDANCE IS ATTACHED AT ANNEX.

5. MINISTERS NOTED WITH INTEREST A STATEMENT BY MR ORLA MOLLER, THIS YEAR'S CHAIRMAN OF THE EUROGROUP MINISTERS, ON CURRENT WORK IN THE EUROGROUP IN ENHANCING COLLABORATION FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE WHOLE ALLIANCE. THEY TOOK

NOTE WITH SATISFACTION OF THE PROGRESS ACCOMPLISHED IN THE  
VARIOUS FIELDS OF PRACTICAL COOPERATION COVERED BY ITS  
SUB-GROUPS.

6. MINISTERS REVIEWED PROGRESS IN COOPERATIVE PROGRAMS  
AND REAFFIRMED THE URGENT NEED FOR GREATER ALLIANCE CO-  
OPERATION ON A LONGER TERM BASIS, NOTING THAT THE EFFEC-  
TIVE USE OF RESOURCES DEPENDS LARGELY ON PROGRESS MADE IN  
THIS AREA. THEY NOTED THE CALL OF THE ALLIED LEADERS  
MEETING IN LONDON ON 10TH MAY TO COOPERATE MORE CLOSELY  
IN ALL ASPECTS OF DEFENSE PROCUREMENT AND TO REVIEW THE

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MEANS OF DEEPENING THIS COOPERATION, IN APPROPRIATE FORA.  
THEY AGREED THAT MEASURES CALLED FOR IN THE LONG-TERM  
DEFENSE PROGRAM SHOULD BE FULLY CONSISTENT WITH THIS  
DIRECTIVE.

7. THEY WELCOMED THE EMPHASIS BEING PLACED BY THE CONFERENCE OF NATIONAL ARMAMENTS DIRECTORS ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN IMPROVED ARMAMENTS PLANNING SYSTEM AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF FURTHER COOPERATIVE EFFORTS. THEY REAFFIRMED THEIR CONVICTION THAT INCREASED EFFORTS SHOULD BE MADE TOWARDS  
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ACHIEVING A GREATER DEGREE OF STANDARDIZATION AND INTEROPERABILITY. MINISTERS RECOGNIZED THE NEED FOR GREATER INTEROPERABILITY AND SECURITY OF ALLIANCE COMMUNICATIONS AND AGREED TO GIVE THEIR PERSONAL DIRECTION AND SUPPORT TO ACHIEVING THIS OBJECTIVE. MINISTERS AGREED THAT THE DEVELOPMENT AND PROCUREMENT OF ALL FUTURE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS SHOULD BE SUBJECT TO PRIOR CONSULTATION, WITH CONSIDERATION GIVEN TO COLLABORATION AMONG ALL THE ALLIES CONCERNED.

8. MINISTERS CONSIDERED A FURTHER REPORT ON MEASURES TO IMPROVE THE FLEXIBILITY OF NATO FORCES. THEY NOTED WITH SATISFACTION THAT ACTION WAS BEING TAKEN ON MANY OF THESE PROPOSALS AND THAT A NUMBER OF THEM HAD BEEN COMPLETED.

9. MINISTERS REVIEWED THE STATUS OF WORK TO DEVELOP A NATO AIRBORNE EARLY WARNING PROGRAM WHICH WOULD TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THE UNITED KINGDOM DECISION TO PROVIDE ITS CONTRIBUTION IN KIND WITH NIMROD AIRCRAFT TOWARDS MEETING THE NATO REQUIREMENT. THEY REAFFIRMED THE IMPORTANCE OF PROVIDING AN ALLIANCE-WIDE CAPABILITY IN THIS FIELD THROUGH AN INTEROPERABLE FORCE AND AGREED TO DEVOTE ALL POSSIBLE EFFORTS TO REACH A DECISION ON PROCUREMENT AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE.

10. MINISTERS, NOTING THAT THE COMMON INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM WELL DEMONSTRATES THE ALLIANCE'S SOLIDARITY AND COHESION, AGREED TO ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR THE CURRENT FIVE-YEAR PROGRAM (1975-1979).

11. MINISTERS NOTED WITH SATISFACTION THE PROGRESS SO FAR MADE TOWARD MODERNIZING PORTUGAL'S ARMED FORCES WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF CONTRIBUTIONS FROM ALLIES OF MATERIAL AND TRAINING FACILITIES, WHICH WILL ENABLE PORTUGAL TO INCREASE ITS ROLE IN ALLIANCE DEFENSE. THEY STRESSED, HOWEVER, THE CONTINUING NEEDS OF PORTUGAL AND TURKEY FOR  
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FURTHER EXTERNAL ASSISTANCE AND THE VITAL IMPORTANCE FOR ALLIANCE SOLIDARITY AND SECURITY OF EARLY COMPLETION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF DEFENSE COOPERATION AGREEMENTS AFFECTING THE SOUTH-EASTERN FLANK.

12. MINISTERS TOOK NOTE OF THE CURRENT STATE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS ON MUTUAL AND BALANCED FORCE REDUCTIONS (MBFR) AND THE STRATEGIC ARMS LIMITATIONS (SALT). THEY REAFFIRMED THE WESTERN POSITION IN THE VIENNA NEGOTIATIONS AND THE IMPORTANCE THEY ATTACH TO THE PRINCIPLE THAT NATO FORCES BE MAINTAINED AND NOT REDUCED EXCEPT IN THE CONTEXT OF A MUTUAL AND BALANCED FORCE REDUCTION AGREEMENT WITH THE EAST, WHICH MUST IN NO WAY DIMINISH THE COLLECTIVE SECURITY OF THE ALLIANCE.

ANNEX  
MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE - 1977

#### NATO OBJECTIVES

1. THE OVERALL STRATEGIC CONCEPT OF NATO IS TO PRESERVE PEACE AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE SECURITY OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY AREA PRIMARILY BY A CREDIBLE DETERRENCE EFFECTED BY CONFRONTING ANY POSSIBLE THREATENED OR ACTUAL AGGRESSION WITH ADEQUATE NATO FORCES, WITHIN THE CONCEPT OF FORWARD DEFENSE AND FLEXIBILITY IN RESPONSE.  
RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE THREAT

2. THE WARSAW PACT FORCES ARE INCREASINGLY OFFENSIVE IN POSTURE AND CAPABLE OF PROJECTING SOVIET POWER ON A GLOBAL

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SCALE. SOVIET NUCLEAR FORCES CONTINUE TO IMPROVE WITH THE APPEARANCE OF NEW NUCLEAR MISSILE SYSTEMS EQUIPPED WITH MULTIPLE WARHEADS, INCLUDING THE EXPECTED DEPLOYMENT OF THE SS-20 MOBILE INTERMEDIATE RANGE SYSTEM CAPABLE OF STRIKING TARGETS IN THE WHOLE OF EUROPE AND BEYOND. IT IS IN THE CONVENTIONAL FIELD, HOWEVER, WHERE THE GROWTH OF THE WARSAW PACT CAPABILITY HAS BEEN MOST PRONOUNCED. IN PARTICULAR, THE WARSAW PACT GROUND FORCES HAVE THE CAPABILITY TO STAGE A MAJOR OFFENSIVE IN EUROPE WITHOUT REINFORCEMENT. THE IMPROVED OFFENSIVE AND DEEP UNCLASSIFIED

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PENETRATION CAPABILITIES OF THE WARSAW PACT TACTICAL AIR FORCES NOW PERMIT THE WARSAW PACT TO CONDUCT THE INITIAL STAGES OF AN AIR ATTACK TO A GREATER EXTENT THAN HITHERTO, WITH IN-PLACE FORCES. THE CAPABILITIES OF THE SOVIET UNION TO EXERCISE SEA POWER ALL AROUND THE WORLD HAVE BEEN ENHANCED BY THE INTRODUCTION OF NEW AND IMPROVED SHIPS, SUBMARINES AND AIRCRAFT.

3. THE STEADY GROWTH IN MILITARY POWER IS BACKED IN THE SOVIET UNION BY AN ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES FOR DEFENSE ESTIMATED AT BETWEEN 11 PCT AND 13 PCT OF GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCT (NEARLY THREE TIMES THE NATO AVERAGE) AND BY AN ANNUAL INCREASE IN REAL TERMS IN DEFENSE EXPENDITURE OF ABOUT 5 PCT. THE HEAVY INVESTMENT BY THE SOVIET UNION IN MILITARY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT HAS BEGUN TO ERODE THE QUALITATIVE ADVANTAGE IN MILITARY EQUIPMENT LONG ENJOYED BY NATO.

IMPLICATIONS FOR NATO

4. THE ALLIES ARE UNDERTAKING SIGNIFICANT EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT AND MODERNIZATION PROGRAMS. HOWEVER, MANY DEFICIENCIES REMAIN IN NATO FORCES AND THE DISPARITY IN

CONVENTIONAL MILITARY CAPABILITIES BETWEEN NATO AND THE WARSAW PACT CONTINUES TO WIDEN. THIS ADVERSE TREND POINTS TO CERTAIN AREAS OF CRITICAL IMPORTANCE THAT SHOULD BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN BOTH NATIONAL AND NATO PLANNING.

5. NATO STRATEGY AND CRISIS MANAGEMENT. NATO'S STRATEGIC CONCEPT FOR DETERRENCE AND FORWARD DEFENSE REMAINS VALID. HOWEVER, IF NATO IS TO RETAIN THE ABILITY TO CARRY OUT THIS STRATEGY AND TO AVOID THE NEED TO USE NUCLEAR WEAPONS AT AN EARLY STAGE OF A CONFLICT, A BALANCED FORCE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM SHOULD BE CARRIED OUT WITH EMPHASIS PLACED ON CONVENTIONAL FORCE IMPROVEMENTS. WHILE NATO SHOULD BE CAPABLE OF DEALING WITH THE ENTIRE SPECTRUM OF POSSIBLE

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WARSAW PACT AGGRESSIONS, PARTICULAR ATTENTION SHOULD BE PAID TO NATO'S ABILITY TO RESPOND TO AN ATTACK BY READY FORCES AFTER VERY LITTLE WARNING. FOR DETERRENCE AS WELL AS DEFENSE, NATO GOVERNMENTS NEED TO BE ABLE TO TAKE PROMPT POLITICAL DECISIONS IN TIMES OF TENSION, SO THAT NATO CAN DEPLOY ITS FORCES IN A TIMELY AND ORDERLY FASHION.

6. NATO FORCES. THE ENHANCED ABILITY OF THE WARSAW PACT TO LAUNCH AN ATTACK AT SHORT NOTICE PLACES ADDITIONAL EMPHASIS ON NATO'S NEED FOR ADEQUATE, FULLY TRAINED AND EXERCISED IN-PLACE FORCES. RESERVE FORCES SHOULD BE CAPABLE OF BEING DEPLOYED RAPIDLY AS ORGANIZED, EQUIPPED AND SUFFICIENTLY TRAINED UNITS. SYSTEMS FOR RAPID CALL-UP SHOULD BE MAINTAINED AND EXERCISED. REINFORCEMENT AND AUGMENTATION FORCES SHOULD REACH AN AREA OF POTENTIAL CONFLICT BEFORE AN AGGRESSION TAKES PLACE OR, IF WARNING TIME IS VERY SHORT, EARLY ENOUGH TO AFFECT THE INITIAL COURSE OF HOSTILITIES. SPECIAL EMPHASIS SHOULD BE PLACED ON PRESTOCKING, ON THE TIMELY PROVISION OF SEA AND AIRLIFT CAPABILITIES AND ON ADEQUATE RECEPTION FACILITIES. ALL THE FORCES COMMITTED TO NATO SHOULD BE BROUGHT UP TO STANDARDS ESTABLISHED BY THE MAJOR NATO COMMANDERS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

7. DEFENCE AGAINST ARMOUR. ALTHOUGH THE ALLIANCE HAS IMPROVED ITS ANTI-ARMOUR CAPABILITIES, A GAP PERSISTS BETWEEN THESE CAPABILITIES AND THE THREAT POSED BY THE WARSAW PACT'S ARMoured FORCES AND MORE ANTI-ARMOUR WEAPONS SHOULD BE ACQUIRED.

8. MARITIME. IF THE ALLIANCE IS TO MAINTAIN THE ABILITY

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TO COPE WITH THE EMERGING THREAT AT SEA, AND TO PROTECT  
THE SEALANES FOR THE TIMELY REINFORCEMENT AND RESUPPLY OF  
EUROPE, IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT THE RATE OF IMPROVEMENT OF  
NATO'S MARITIME FORCES BE INCREASED.

9. AIR DEFENCE. THE INCREASING OFFENSIVE CAPABILITY OF  
WARSAW PACT AIR FORCES EMPHASISES THE NEED TO IMPROVE  
NATO'S AIR DEFENCES OVER LAND AND AT SEA. TO ENHANCE THE  
SURVIVABILITY OF NATO FORCES, THE ALLIANCE'S INTEGRATED  
AIR DEFENCE SYSTEM NEEDS TO BE EXPANDED AND MODERNISED.  
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10. REGIONAL ASPECTS. THE DEFENCE OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC  
AREA IS INDIVISIBLE. ON THE FLANKS AN ADEQUATE ALLOCA-  
TION OF FORCES AND A BALANCED MILITARY EFFORT MUST BE



ASSURED; CONTINUED EFFORTS MUST BE MADE TO STRENGTHEN LOCAL MOBILISATION CAPABILITIES, ADVANCE THE ARRIVAL TIMES OF EXTERNAL REINFORCEMENTS AND IMPROVE RECEPTION AND OTHER LOGISTIC ARRANGEMENTS. FOR SOME COUNTRIES ASSISTANCE FROM EXTERNAL SOURCES IS REQUIRED AS WELL AS THE NEED FOR IMPROVED REINFORCEMENT CAPABILITIES.

11. NEW TECHNOLOGY. EFFICIENT APPLICATION OF MODERN TECHNOLOGY, WHILE NOT OFFERING ANY INEXPENSIVE SOLUTIONS, CAN PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES, IF APPLIED THROUGH CO-OPERATIVE AND TIMELY EFFORTS, FOR SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENT TO THE DETERRENT AND DEFENCE CAPABILITIES OF THE ALLIANCE.

#### ALLIANCE CO-OPERATION

12. NATO RESOURCES CAN BE EMPLOYED TO BEST EFFECT IF, IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF NATIONAL PLANS AND PROGRAMMES, GREATER ACCOUNT IS TAKEN OF THE COLLECTIVE NEEDS OF THE ALLIANCE, RECOGNISING THAT THE PREROGATIVES OF SOVEREIGN GOVERNMENTS AND NATIONAL SYSTEMS OF FINANCE ARE BOUND TO PLACE LIMITS ON THE PACE AND DEGREE TO WHICH INTEGRATION CAN BE ACHIEVED. SOME PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE BUT THERE IS STILL MUCH ROOM FOR A BETTER ALLOCATION OF DEFENCE RESOURCES, ESPECIALLY THROUGH GREATER ALLIANCE CO-OPERATION. THIS PROCESS WOULD BE GREATLY FACILITATED BY THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A MORE COMPREHENSIVE FRAMEWORK FOR DEFENCE PLANNING INCORPORATING A LONGER TERM APPROACH. ONLY THUS WOULD IT BE POSSIBLE TO ESTABLISH IN A TIMELY AND ORDERLY WAY THE NECESSARY REQUIREMENTS, SET THE PRIORITIES, RECONCILE DEMANDS ON RESOURCES FOR CO-OPERATIVE EFFORTS WITH THOSE REQUIRED FOR NATIONAL EFFORTS, AND IDENTIFY AREAS FOR CO-OPERATION.

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#### ARMAMENTS PLANNING

13. THE TREND FOR THE COST OF EQUIPMENT TO INCREASE DISPROPORTIONATELY IN RELATION TO MOST OTHER DEFENCE COSTS HAS CONTINUED. IN MANY CASES THE COST OF MAJOR DEFENCE PROJECTS IS BEYOND THE CAPABILITY OF MOST MEMBER NATIONS TO FINANCE ALONE. THE COST OF EQUIPMENT IS ALSO OF MAJOR IMPORTANCE FOR POTENTIAL BUYERS AMONG ALLIES BECAUSE OF THE BUDGETARY IMPACT ON THEIR DEFENCE PLANNING. INTERESTED COUNTRIES SHOULD THEREFORE BE INVOLVED IN RELEVANT PROJECTS AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE. SEPARATE RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT AND PRODUCTION OF DIFFERENT WEAPON SYSTEMS FOR SIMILAR ROLES HAS LED TO PROBLEMS OF NON-STANDARDIZATION AND THE LACK OF INTEROPERABILITY BETWEEN FORCES AND EQUIPMENT OF MEMBER NATIONS.

14. ONGOING STUDIES SHOULD THEREFORE BE PURSUED WITH A VIEW TO HARMONISING NATIONAL DEFENCE EQUIPMENT PLANNING PROCEDURES AND DEVELOPING NATO LONG-TERM ARMAMENTS PLANNING. THE AIM OF THESE EFFORTS SHOULD BE STANDARDIZATION AND, WHERE THIS IS NOT POSSIBLE, FULL INTER-OPERABILITY. IN PURSUING THESE OBJECTIVES, A BETTER BALANCE IN THE TRAFFIC IN THE "TWO-WAY STREET" BETWEEN EUROPE AND NORTH AMERICA IN WEAPONS AND EQUIPMENT PROCUREMENT WILL BE NECESSARY.

IMPACT ON NATO PLANNING

15. IN DEVELOPING MORE RATIONAL PROCEDURES FOR NATO'S

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LONG-TERM PLANNING FOR DEFENCE THE ALLIANCE MUST SEEK

TO HARMONISE PLANNING MECHANISMS FOR THE VARIOUS CO-OPERATIVE AND SUPPORTING PROGRAMMES, AND TO DOVETAIL THE RESULTS OF THIS EFFORT WITH THE PRESENT NATO FORCE PLANNING PROCEDURES INTO A COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH FOR ALLIANCE DEFENCE PLANNING; THE NEED FOR EARLY IDENTIFICATION OF THE RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS OF MAJOR CO-OPERATIVE PROJECTS WILL BE OF SPECIAL IMPORTANCE. THE ACTIVITIES OF REGIONAL GROUPS, SUCH AS THE EUROGROUP, WILL HAVE AN IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO MAKE IN THIS CONTEXT.

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#### RESOURCES FOR DEFENSE

16. AGAINST THE BACKGROUND OF ADVERSE TRENDS IN THE NATO-WARSAW PACT MILITARY BALANCE AND IN ORDER TO AVOID A CONTINUED DETERIORATION IN THE RELATIVE FORCE CAPABILITIES AN ANNUAL INCREASE IN REAL TERMS IN DEFENSE BUDGETS SHOULD BE AIMED AT BY ALL MEMBER COUNTRIES. THIS ANNUAL INCREASE SHOULD BE IN THE REGION OF 3 PCT, RECOGNIZING THAT FOR SOME INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES:

- ECONOMIC CIRCUMSTANCES WILL AFFECT WHAT CAN BE ACHIEVED;
- PRESENT FORCE CONTRIBUTIONS MAY JUSTIFY A HIGHER LEVEL OF INCREASE.

SPECIFIC TARGET FIGURES FOR EACH COUNTRY WILL NEED TO BE DETERMINED IN THE NORMAL COURSE OF THE DEFENSE PLANNING REVIEW. NATIONS SHOULD PROVIDE FULL COMPENSATION FOR THE INFLATIONARY IMPACT OF RISING PAY AND PRICE LEVELS TO ENSURE THAT PLANNED REAL INCREASES ARE ACHIEVED. IT IS, MOREOVER, IMPERATIVE THAT NATIONS INCREASE THE COST-EFFECTIVENESS OF THEIR DEFENSE EXPENDITURES, IN PARTICULAR THE PERCENTAGE OF SUCH EXPENDITURE DEVOTED TO MAJOR EQUIPMENT, BUT WITHOUT DETRIMENT TO COMBAT READINESS. THE EFFECTIVE USE OF RESOURCES WILL DEPEND TO A LARGE EXTENT ON PROGRESS IN ALLIANCE COOPERATION.

#### PRIORITIES

17. PRIORITY SHOULD BE GIVEN TO THOSE CAPABILITIES WHICH CONTRIBUTE DIRECTLY TO DETERRENCE AND TO NATO'S ABILITY TO WITHSTAND THE INITIAL PHASES OF ATTACK AND, IN PARTICULAR, TO MEASURES WHICH WILL ENHANCE READINESS AND REINFORCEMENT CAPABILITIES AND PROMOTE A COLLECTIVE APPROACH TO EQUIPPING, SUPPORTING AND TRAINING ALLIANCE FORCES.

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